



# Nitrogen Gas Generator

## NitroFlow<sup>®</sup> Lab Cryo

User Manual

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 General

The NitroFlow® Lab Cryo is a product of Parker. This manual forms an integral part of the product. The manual describes the installation, daily operation and troubleshooting.

### Content

Read the manual carefully before you start with the generator. These instructions must be thoroughly understood before installing and operating this product. Failure to operate this product in accordance with the instructions set forth in this manual and by other safety governing bodies will void the safety certification of this product. If you have any questions or concerns, please call your local representative or the technical services department:

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### Condition of change

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## 1.2 Pictograms

In this manual and on the generator, the following pictograms are used:



### Warning

A warning shows a hazard that can cause death or serious injury. Follow the instructions.



### Caution

A caution shows a danger that can cause damage to the equipment. Follow the instructions.



### Electricity

High voltage: danger of electric shock.



### Warning

Risk for death due to suffocation.



### Risk of fire

Oxygen-enriched air leads to an increased risk of fire in the event of contact with inflammable products.



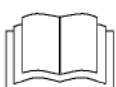
### High-pressure risk

Follow the instructions with respect to compressed gasses.



### Environment

Instructions with respect to the environment.



Read instructions in the manual.

### **1.3 Use in accordance with purpose**

The NitroFlow<sup>®</sup> Lab Cryo is intended to produce nitrogen out of normal ambient air. The system is based on gas separation membranes. Each different or further use will not be in conformity with the purpose. Parker will not accept any liability for improper use.

The generator is in compliance with the prevailing directives and standards. Only use this generator in a technically perfect condition, in conformity with the purpose as described above.

### **1.4 User instructions**

Only well-trained personnel are allowed to work on the generator. The user must be aware of hazards related to operating the generator and processes connected to the generator. The user is responsible for the safety of the personnel. All personnel working on the generator must have free access to the applicable manuals.

### **1.5 Liability**

Parker will not accept any liability if:

- The instructions in this manual are ignored.
- Replacement parts are used which are not approved by the manufacturer.
- The generator is operated incorrectly.
- The system is fed with other gasses than air.
- The generator is modified without notification and authorisation of Parker.

## 2 Health, safety and environmental aspects

### 2.1 General

Correct use of the nitrogen generator is important for your personal safety and for trouble-free functioning of the generator. Incorrect use can cause damage to the generator or can lead to incorrect gas supply.



#### Warning

- Read this manual before you start the installation and putting into operation of the generator. Prevent accidents and damage to the generator.
- Contact your supplier if you detect a problem that you cannot solve with this manual.
- Use the generator in accordance with its purpose. Refer to §1.3.
- Only competent personnel trained, qualified and approved by Parker Industrial Division are allowed to perform installation, commissioning, service and repair procedures.
- Unqualified people are not allowed to repair the equipment. Refer to §1.4. Lift the generator with a forklift. Follow the legislation and instructions for operating the forklift.
- Do not tamper or experiment with the equipment. Do not exceed the technical specifications for the generator. Refer to chapter 4.

### 2.2 Nitrogen and oxygen

The generator generates nitrogen as a product. Oxygen enriched air is released as waste.



#### Warning



- Nitrogen can cause suffocation!
- Oxygen-enriched air leads to increased risk of fire in the event of contact with flammable products. Make sure that there is adequate ventilation at all times!
- The generator is not designed for installation in an Ex-classified area.
- Do not install the generator in an area where explosive mixtures may occur.

### 2.3 Electricity



#### Warning

- Only service-engineers, qualified to work on electrical equipment, are allowed to do the installation, maintenance and repairs.
- Disconnect the main power supply before you do the maintenance or repair.
- If a service-engineer has to work on the generator while the electric power it is connected, the service-engineer must be very careful with respect to the electric hazards.

### 2.4 Safety precautions



#### Warning

- Make sure that the ventilation rate is sufficient in the room where the enriched oxygen is ventilated, or lead the enriched air outside. Keep the ambient temperature between 10 and 35 °C.
- Install the peripheral equipment, piping and nitrogen storage vessels according to standard procedures. Parker cannot take responsibility for this.
- Ensure that regular maintenance to the generator is undertaken, to ensure proper and safe operation. Refer to chapter 8.
- Make sure that instructions concerning health and safety are compliant with the local legislation and regulations.

## 2.5 Environmental aspects

The use and maintenance of the generator does not include environmental dangers. Most parts are made of metal and can be disposed in the regular way. The packaging of the generator is 100% recyclable. Optimal sizing of buffer tanks and setting of the pressure switch will result in minimal energy consumption. The lower the delivery pressure, the longer the lifetime of the system.

According to EC-regulations electrical systems have to be disassembled and recycled at the end of their life. Parker can support you in this.



**Make sure that instructions concerning health, safety and environment are compliant with the local legislation and regulations.**

### 3 Description of the appliance

#### 3.1 General

The generator separates compressed air produced by an on-board compressor into nitrogen and an oxygen enriched air stream. The separation system is based on membranes.

#### 3.2 Separation principle

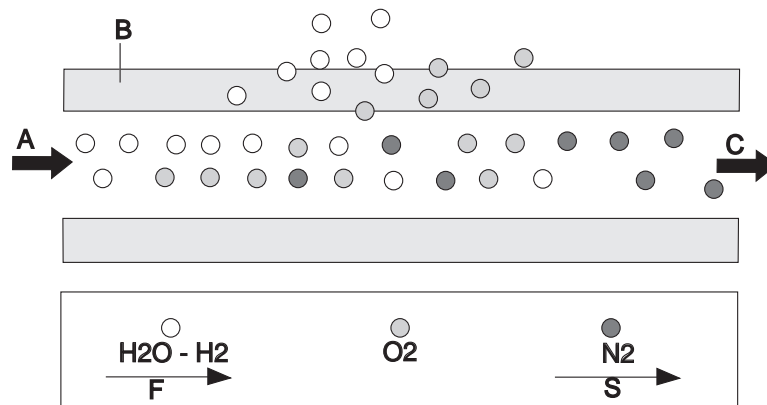


Fig. 3-1: Separation principle

A Pressurised air inlet  
B Hollow fibre membrane  
C Nitrogen outlet

F Fast permeation  
S Slow permeation

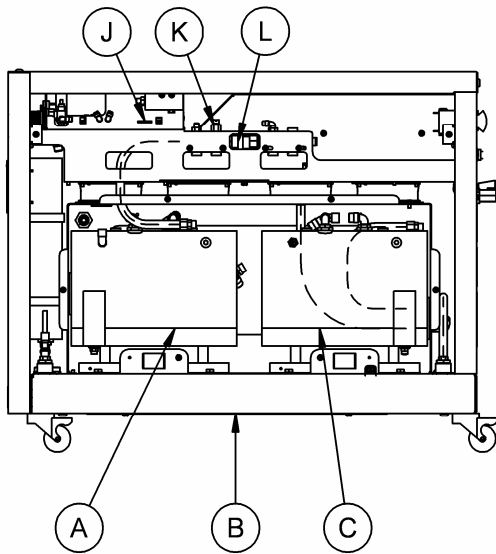
Ambient air contains nitrogen (78.1%), oxygen (20.9%), argon (1%), carbon dioxide, water vapour and traces of other inert gasses. Pressurised air (A) is led through hollow fibre membranes (B). The various air components diffuse through the porous wall of the membranes.

The diffusion rate differs for the various gasses:

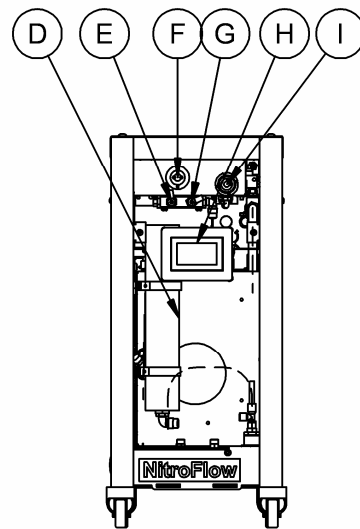
- Oxygen and water vapor have a high diffusion rate and diffuse rapidly through the membrane wall.
- Nitrogen has a low diffusion rate and diffuses slowly through the membrane wall.

Pressurised nitrogen enriched air is released at the outlet of the membranes (E) which can be stored in a nitrogen storage vessel.

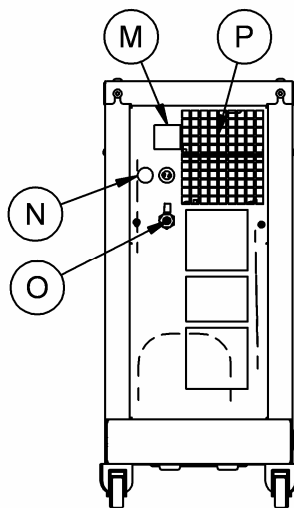
### 3.3 Parts



- A Air compressor
- B Hollow fibre membrane and heat exchanger (M)
- C Air compressor
- J SD-card
- K (not applicable for this model)*
- L Non-return valve (V1)



- D Inlet carbon adsorber (C)
- E Purity adjustment valve(FCV)
- F Oxygen sensor
- G Sample flow orifice
- H Touch screen display
- I Pressure control valve (PCV)



- M Main switch / circuit breaker
- N Electrical feed cable
- O Product outlet / ball valve (x2 for this model)
- P Ventilation outlet  
(keep clear)

### 3.4 Process diagram

The generator is connected directly to the nitrogen consumer (Fig. 3-3).

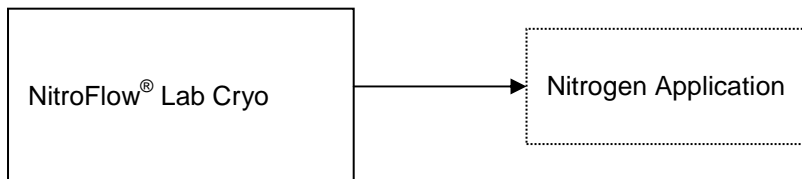
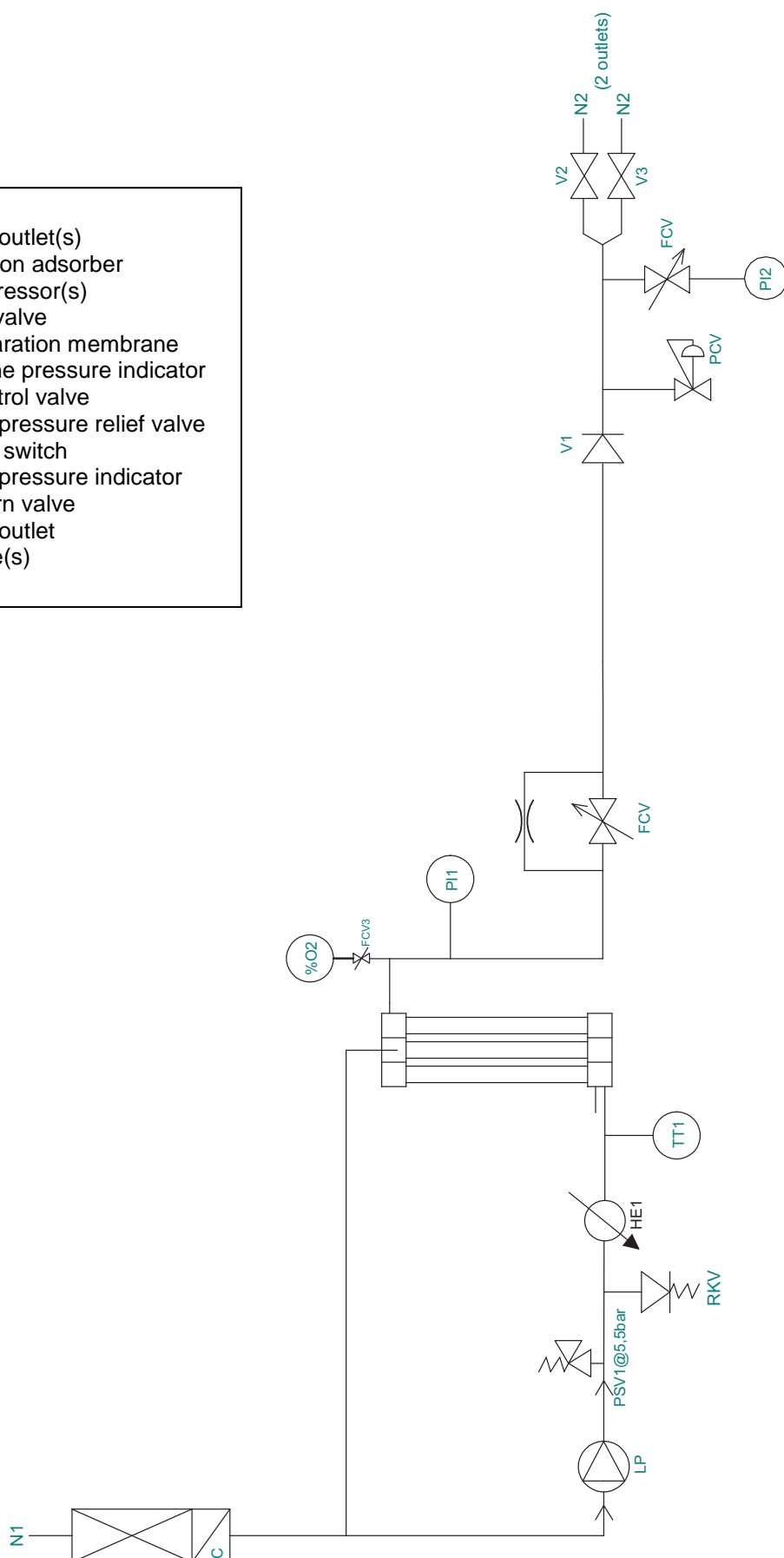


Fig. 3-3

### 3.5 Process scheme

N1	Air inlet
N2	Nitrogen outlet(s)
C	Inlet carbon adsorber
LP	Air compressor(s)
RKV	Start-up valve
M	Gas separation membrane
PI1	Membrane pressure indicator
FCV	Flow control valve
PCV	Nitrogen pressure relief valve
PSH	Pressure switch
PI2	Nitrogen pressure indicator
V1	Non-return valve
N2	Nitrogen outlet
V2, V3	Ball valve(s)





















## 4 Technical specifications

### 4.1 General

<b>Delivery pressure</b>	
Maximum delivery pressure	1.2 bar(g) / 17.5 psig (set at factory)
<b>Ambient conditions</b>	
Temperature	10 to 35 °C / 50 to 95 °F
Air quality	Normal clean ambient air, relative humidity < 90%
Max. ambient relative humidity	<80 % to 31°C, 50% at 40°C
Noise level	< 58 dB(A) @ 1 meter/3 ft
<b>Dimensions and connections</b>	
Dimensions (H x W x D) [mm]	700 x 900 x 310
Dimensions (H x W x D) [inch]	27.6 x 35.4 x 12.2
Net weight	92.5 kg / 204 lbs
Connections	outlet: G ¼ " / ¼" NPT
<b>Electrical data</b>	
Voltage/frequency <sup>1</sup>	115Vac/60Hz, 230Vac/50Hz
Power consumption	1400 W
Plug/receptacle	230V/50Hz unit: Can be connected to local power supply (mains) 115V/60Hz unit: 20A/125 VAC; NEMA 5-20 straight blade

<sup>1</sup> Mains supply voltage fluctuations not to exceed +/- 10% of nominal voltage.

Default software settings		
Menu	What	Default setting
 Logs	Delay-time	180 sec
 Local settings	Language	English
 Local settings	Pressure	Bar
 Local settings	Flow	LPM
 Local settings	Purity	%O2
 Alarm settings	O2 high	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 5 Delay: 30
 Alarm settings	O2 low	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 0.0 Delay: 30
 Alarm settings	Pin high	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 13 Delay: 30
 Alarm settings	Pin low	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 2 Delay: 30
 Alarm settings	Pout high	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 10 Delay: 30
 Alarm settings	Pout low	Active: No Stop: 0 Level: 2 Delay: 30
 Pressure switch	P-switch	No
 Pressure switch	Unit on	2.0
 Pressure switch	Unit off	7.0
 Options	Auto restart	No
 Options	Remote	No
 Options	Pincode	No
 Options	Show Flow	No

Parts	
NitroFlow® Lab Cryo	1x Generator 1x Manual
Options (on demand)	Storage vessel

Vac/Hz	Plug	Part number
230 / 50	EUR	159.004278
230 / 50	UK	159.004630
120 / 60	USA	159.004279

## 4.2 Capacity data

Generator	Nominal production capacity Nlpm*								
Purity%	99.9	99.7	99.5	99	98	97	96	95	93
NitroFlow® Lab Cryo	10	15	18	24	31	35	40	43	50

\*Capacity at nominal conditions:

- Ambient temperature: 20 °C / 68 °F
- Ambient pressure: 1013 mbar(a)

## 4.3 Maintenance parts

Part	Part number
Maintenance kit: 1 x Carbon adsorber	159.003754
Oxygen sensor	159.002284

In case the compressor(s) need to be replaced, the correct part numbers are:

Part	Part number
Air compressor LP/LP (230V/50Hz)	159.003314
Air compressor LP/LP (115V/60Hz)	159.003368

## 5 Installation

Follow the paragraphs in this chapter to install the generator.

### 5.1 Transport



#### Warning

- Transport the generator upright.
- Put the generator in the original box to transport the generator over longer distances.
- Lift the generator with a forklift.
- For qualifications of personnel, refer to §2.1.

### 5.2 Define location



#### IMPORTANT

- The generator contains compressors that generate heat; for optimal performance and lifetime it is necessary that cooling air can be vented without resistance. A minimum clearance distance from walls or other objects of at least 50 cm/ 20 inches on all sides (back, left, right and top) is a necessity; also efficient local ventilation at the ventilation outlet is highly recommended especially when the device is installed under a bench

Install the generator on a fixed location. The location must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum clearance of 50 cm on all sides (back, left, right and top) as to facilitate heat removal
- Indoors
- Dry
- No continuous direct irradiation by sunlight
- Away from heat sources
- Properly ventilated room.
- Easy accessibly for operating and service

### 5.3 Unpack and check equipment

- Open the packaging per instructions on the crate.
- Make sure that all components are delivered. Refer to § 4.1.

### 5.4 Connect nitrogen consumer



#### Warning

- Do not connect the power at this time.
- Make sure that the inlet and outlet tubes are free of dust, particles, metal parts and curls, liquids and grease before you connect the generator.

Connect the product outlet to the application.

### 5.5 Connecting power

1. Connect the mains plug to a suitable wall socket with earth connection
2. The control system has input and output contacts for remote control and alarm signaling (refer to §5.6).

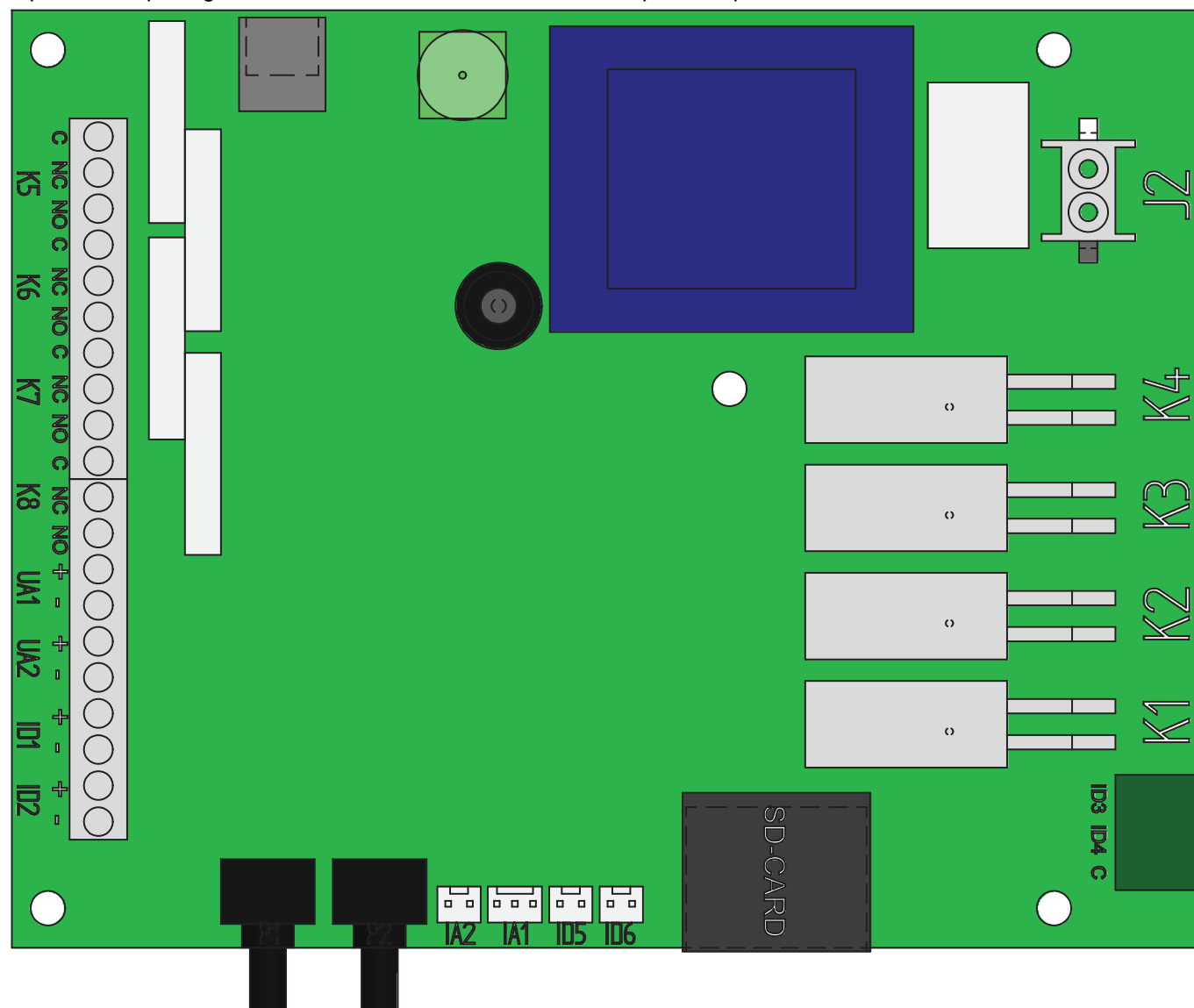


#### Warning

The main supply line voltage must be within 10% of nominal rated voltage for the generator. In case of larger variations the generator will stop; continued use under these circumstances will inevitably lead to motor damage.

## 5.6 Connect input and output signals


Input and output signals can be connected to the terminal strip on the printed circuit board.

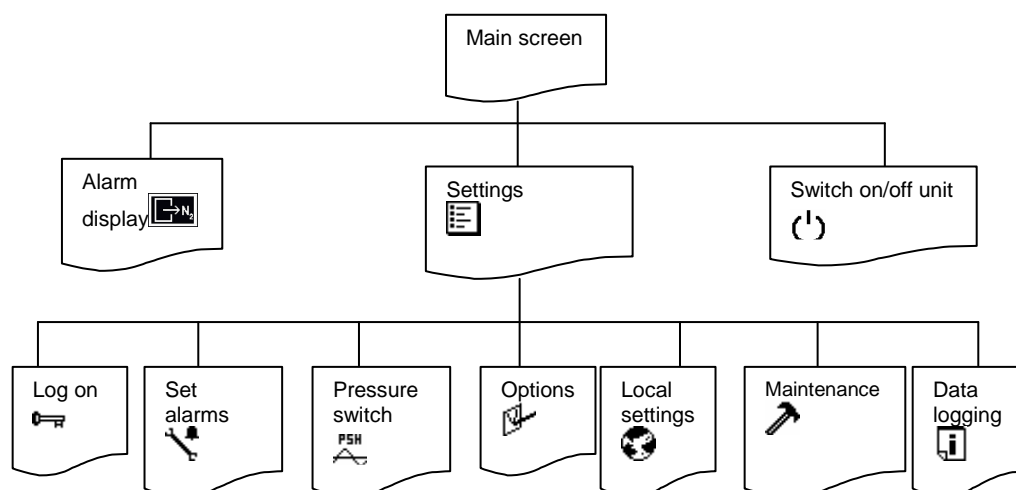


Clamp	Function	Input/output signals
ID1	Remote start/stop	<i>Digital input</i> Nominal input current: 10 mA Voltage: internal power supply
UA1	Oxygen concentration	<i>Analogue output</i> Input impedance to reach 0 mA – 20 mA: 200 Ohm
UA2	Outlet pressure	
K5	Start stop signal to external booster	<i>Relay</i> Switch voltage: 48V AC/DC Switch current: 1A AC/DC
K6	General alarm (nc/no)	
K7	General alarm (nc/no) (=K6)	
K8	Spare	

## 6 Operation of the control system

### 6.1 Menu structure

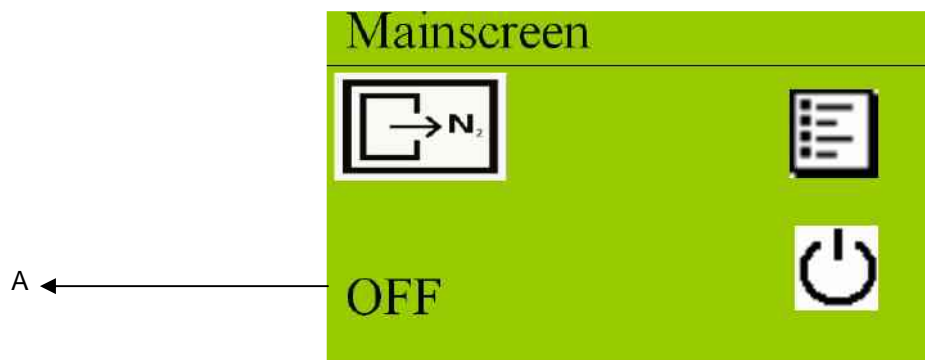
The menu structure of the control system is built up as shown below. One can always go back to a higher level in the menu by pushing the -button.







### 6.2 Main screen

**Access:** This is the start-up screen that automatically appears when the generator is switched on.

**Function:** Gives access to the different menus.



Symbol/data	Information/result
	When flashing there is an alarm; touch the symbol and the current alarm will be shown.
Status of unit (A)	Can be OFF/RUN/STAND-BY/ALARM/P-RELIEF
	Menu button, touch to go to settings menu
	Switch ON/OFF button, generator will turn ON or OFF


To turn the unit on, touch the switch -button. The status will switch to P-RELIEF. The compressors will start three minutes (180 seconds) after the unit has been switched on. The delay time countdown time is shown next to the text P-RELIEF (see below).



When the unit is switched on the controller will show:









- Actual outlet pressure
- Actual oxygen or nitrogen level
- Flow indication (when selected, refer to §6.3.4)

### 6.3 Settings menu

**Access:** Touch settings menu button  in the main screen (refer to §6.2)

**Function:** Access to different menus



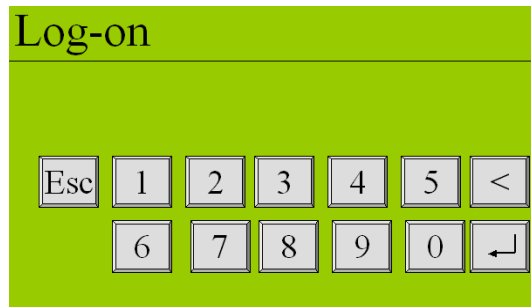
Symbol	Menu
	Access to <b>log on menu</b> (refer to §6.3.1)
	Access to <b>alarm settings menu</b> (refer to §6.3.2)
	Access to <b>pressure switch menu</b> (refer to § 6.3.3)
	Access to <b>options menu</b> (refer to § 6.3.4)
	Access to <b>local settings menu</b> (refer to § 6.3.5)
	Access to <b>maintenance menu</b> (refer to § 6.3.6)
	Access to <b>data logging menu</b> (refer to § 6.3.7)
	Returning to previous menu

### 6.3.1 Log on menu

**Access:** Touch log on menu button  in settings screen (refer to §6.3)

**ATTENTION: When you start-up the system for a first time you do not need to enter a PIN CODE**

**Function:** Protect the settings in the system with a (personal) pin code.



In the log on menu:


- Enter the default pin code (**1234**) after selecting PINCODE YES under the options menu (refer to §6.3.4).
- Change the default pin code to a personal pin code of 4 digits (refer to §6.3.4)
- Return to default factory settings by entering pin code **7833** (refer to §4.1)
- In case you lost your pin code, please contact your supplier



**Caution:**

**When returning to factory settings, the alarms, p-switch, options and settings must be reset. Also the log on pincode is back to default value 1234**

### 6.3.2 Alarm settings menu

**Access:** Touch alarm settings menu button  in settings screen (see § 6.3.2)

**Function:** Set different alarms

In the alarm settings menu it is possible to set 6 different alarms.

Screen	Alarm	Explanation
1/6	O2 high	oxygen level too high
2/6	O2 low	oxygen level too low
3/6	Pres. Inlet high	inlet pressure too high
4/6	Pres. Inlet high	inlet pressure too high
5/6	Pres. Outlet high	outlet pressure too high
6/6	Pres. Outlet low	outlet pressure too low

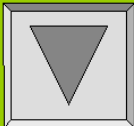
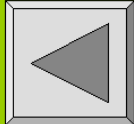
1. To activate an alarm touch button A. When the button is touched you can select the options YES, AUTO RESET or NO by pressing the arrow keys




**Default all alarms are set to NO, which means they are not activated; activating the alarms or not is the choice of the user; alarms do not influence the output and purity.**

2. When you select YES or AUTO RESET, the rest of the alarm parameters that need to be set will pop-up automatically (see screen below).

A

O <sub>2</sub> high	%O <sub>2</sub>	1/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Active	Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stop	No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Level	5.0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Delay	10	

Button	Selection	Result
Active	No	Alarm function for this parameter is not active
Active	Yes	Alarm function for this parameter is active; alarm messages must be reset manually
Active	Auto reset	Alarm function for this parameter is active; When alarm level is not exceeded any longer before manual reset, the alarm will reset itself
Stop	Yes	Generator will switch off in case alarm level is exceeded
Stop	No	An alarm signal will be given but generator will continue to run in case alarm level is exceeded
Level	0-16% O <sub>2</sub> 100 – 84% N <sub>2</sub>	For screen 1/6 and 2/6: this is the oxygen- or nitrogen level* at which the alarm is set.
Level	0-13 BAR* 0-188.5 PSI*	For screen 3/6 and 4/6. This is the pressure level at which the alarm is set
Level	0-10 BAR* 0-145 PSI*	For screen 5/6 and 6/6. This is the pressure level at which the alarm will appear.
Delay	0-300 sec	Delay time in seconds between the moment that the alarm level has been exceeded and signaling; this feature prevents false alarms in case of short spikes


\*see also local settings -menu



#### ATTENTION:

It is impossible to set O<sub>2</sub> low at a higher level than O<sub>2</sub> high. The setting of O<sub>2</sub> low is limited once O<sub>2</sub> high has been set. Therefore, first set O<sub>2</sub> high level before setting the O<sub>2</sub> low level.

### 6.3.3 Pressure switch menu


**Access:** Touch pressure switch menu button  in settings screen (refer to § 6.3)

**Function:** Set the pressure switch

In the pressure switch menu the levels at which outlet pressure the generator will switch on and off, can be set. To change the settings, touch the button in front of the text.




Button	Selection	Result
P-switch	Yes	Pressure switch is active
P-switch	No	Pressure switch is not active
Unit on	0-10 Bar*/ 0-145 PSI*	Pressure level at which the unit will switch on
Unit off	0-10 Bar*/ 0-145 PSI*	Pressure level at which the unit will switch off

\*refer to local settings menu 

To determine the correct switch on and off pressure, please check §7.4.

### 6.3.4 Options menu

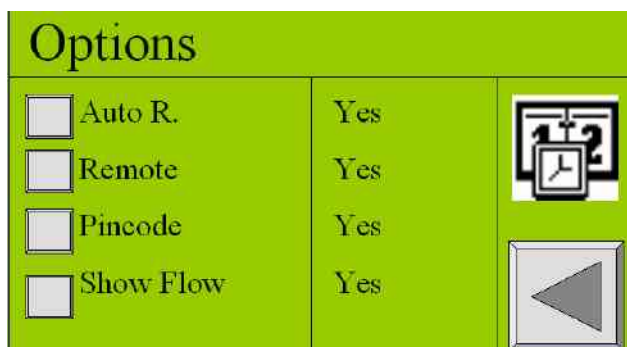
**Access:** Press option menu button  in settings screen (refer to §6.3)



**Function:** Set different options




#### ATTENTION:

All options are default set to NO. Options do not affect the output and purity.



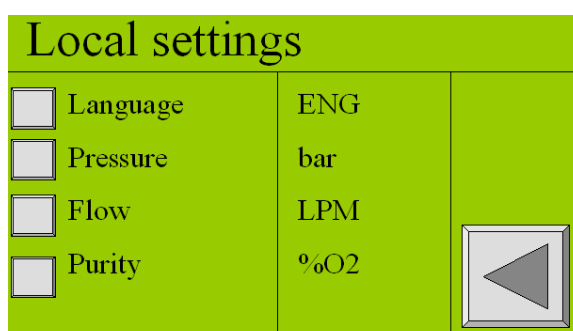
Button	Selection	Result
Auto R.	Yes	After a power failure the unit will automatically restart itself and return to the same situation/status.
Auto R.	No	After a power failure the unit will not start automatically. Unit needs to be restarted manually.
Remote	Yes	Unit can be switch on and off from a remote location. Only select <b>Yes</b> after connecting the printed circuit board to an external device.
Remote	No	Unit cannot be controlled from a remote location.
Pincode	Yes	Settings are instantly protected with a pin code. Return to <b>log on menu</b>  and enter the <b>default pin code 1234</b> .
Pin code	No	Settings can be changed without a pin code
Pin code	Change	Pin code can be changed to a personal 4 digits code. <b>(In case you forget your personal code, consult your supplier)</b>
Show Flow	Yes	Flow rate will be displayed in main screen
Show Flow (D)	No	Flow rate will not be displayed.
		Operate to adjust date and time

### 6.3.5 Local settings menu

**Access:** Touch local settings menu button  in settings screen (refer to § 6.3)

**Function:** Set data to local requirements


Depending on the local situation it is possible to change the setting accordingly.



Button	Selection	Result
Language	English, Francais, Deutsch, Nederlands, Español	Text in the screen will appear in the chosen language.
Pressure	BAR/PSI*	Pressure indications will appear in the chosen setting
Flow	LPM/CFM	Flow will appear in the chosen setting
Purity	%N2/%O2	Purity will appear in nitrogen (%N2) or oxygen (%O2) percentage

\* Select BAR, to display temperature in °C. Select PSI to display temperature in °F.

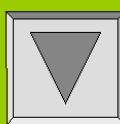
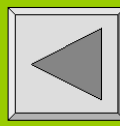
### 6.3.6 Maintenance menu

**Access:** Touch maintenance menu button  in settings screen (refer to § 6.3)

**Function:** Shows maintenance status and offers calibration possibility.

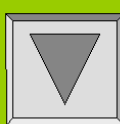
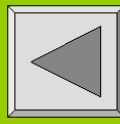
The maintenance menu consists of 5 different screens. Each screen displays maintenance status or calibration buttons.

#### SCREEN 1/5

Maintenance		1/5
Type	NF	
Version	1.0	
O2 lifetime	mm-yyyy	
Filter lifet.	1234 hr	

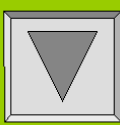
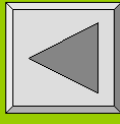
Data	Explanation
Type	Shows type of generator this unit is
Version	Software revision number
O2 lifetime	Month-year when O <sub>2</sub> -sensor needs to be changed (3 years from data of order)
Filter life	Hours countdown from 1 year to 0 hrs

#### SCREEN 2/5

Maintenance		2/5
Total	0:00	
Comp. 1	0:00	
Comp. 2	0:00	

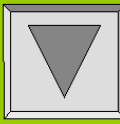
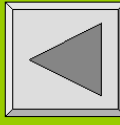
Data	Explanation
Total	Total running hours of the generator

### SCREEN 3/5

Maintenance			3/5
0.0	BAR	Outlet	
0.0	BAR	Inlet	
20	C	Inlet	
5	%O2		

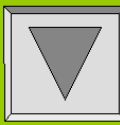
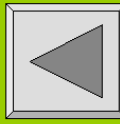
Data	Explanation
Outlet	Outlet pressure in either BAR or PSI
Inlet	Inlet/compressor pressure in either BAR or PSI
C Inlet	Compressed air inlet temperature in °C or °F


### SCREEN 4/5

Maintenance			4/5
C1	overheated	No	
C2	overheated	No	
Remote		Yes	

Data	Explanation
Remote	YES or NO Shows whether remote control option is on or off

### SCREEN 5/5


Maintenance		5/5
<input type="checkbox"/>	O2 20.9%	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flow Factor	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Replace Filter	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Replace O2 cel	

Button	Explanation
O2 – 20.9%	Calibrate O <sub>2</sub> sensor to 20.9%. Contact Parker's technical support team.
Flow Factor	Only visible when selected Show Flow in the options menu  (refer to §6.3.4) and when the unit is running. Calibrate the flow by entering the flow measured with an external flow meter.
Replace Filter	When a filter has been replaced during maintenance, this button can be touched and the countdown for the new filter is set. System asks for confirmation. In maintenance screen 1/5 the filter lifetime should read 8000 hr.

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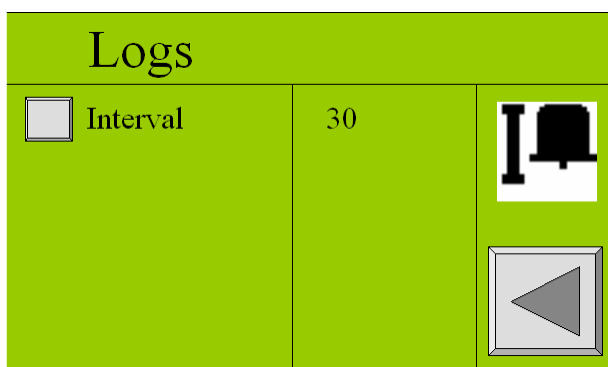
Replace O <sub>2</sub> cell	When an O <sub>2</sub> cell has been replaced during maintenance, this button can be touched and a new date to replace the O <sub>2</sub> cell is set. System asks for confirmation. In maintenance screen 1/5 the O <sub>2</sub> lifetime should read 3 year ahead from date of changing.
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### 6.3.7 Data logging menu

**Access:** Press data logging menu button  in settings screen (refer to § 6.3)

**Function:** Read the logged (saved) data

Alarms as well as status of the sensors are saved on the SD-card. The time between the logging (saving) of this data to the memory card can be chosen in the data-logging menu.



Button	Selection	Result
Interval	30-3600	Time in seconds between the logging (saving) of alarm data
		Shows all the alarms that have been saved on the memory drive (see below)



Button	Explanation
A	Date and time of alarm incident
B	Alarm description
C	The number of logged alarms




#### CAUTION:

Please check the alarm, p-switch, options and settings before you restart the unit. The unit cannot run without the SD-card. This will generate an alarm (SD-card failed).

## 7 Operation

### 7.1 Commissioning generator

1. Make sure that the connections are correct and fixed properly.
2. Switch on the generator with the switch at the back of the generator (refer to §3.3).
3. Then touch the ON/OFF button  on the touch screen display in the front of the generator.



#### CAUTION


Don't use sharp objects to operate the screen.

4. It will take about 3 minutes before the generator will start to run. The countdown in seconds is shown on the display.



#### IMPORTANT

The generator must be run with sheet metal covers mounted on the unit; not doing so will affect the heat management of the system and shut down the compressors; prolonged running without sheet metal covers will shorten the life of the appliance and can lead to irreparable damage

5. Check the inlet pressure level in the maintenance  menu (screen 3/5); in case this exceeds a level of 4.5 bar(g), the unit must be switched off and checked for blockades on the outlet. When a cause cannot be found, stop running the system and contact your supplier.
6. Check whether the connections of the tubing between the generator and the application are free of leaks.
7. When the outlet is blocked the delivery pressure must not be higher than 1.2 bar(g); the excess nitrogen is vented via an internal pressure relief valve or the unit is switched off in case of no nitrogen demand.
8. The purity of the generator is factory set as required. To adjust the oxygen content, adjust the purity control valve FCV. Refer to §7.3 for instructions.
9. The pressure control of the generator is factory set as required. Two modes of pressure control are possible (for instructions refer to §7.4).
  - Switching on and off depending on the outlet pressure (e.g. when a nitrogen storage vessel is installed). Max. switch-off pressure = 1.2 bar(g)
  - Continuous operation; excess produced nitrogen is vented. Max. nitrogen pressure 1.2 bar(g)

### 7.2 Start generator

1. Switch the button on the back of the generator to the ON-position (up).
2. Switch on the generator with the ON/OFF button on the touch screen panel (refer to §6.2).
3. There is a 3 minute delay between stopping and restarting the generator.
4. The generator will deliver nitrogen instantaneously.

### 7.3 Adjusting the purity

The purity of the output can be read on the main screen.

1. The purity is determined by measuring the residual oxygen content in the nitrogen outlet.
2. To change the purity, change the setting of the purity adjustment valve (refer to § 3.3) (left valve behind removable upper front panel)
3. First unlock the needle valve by loosening the hexagonal lock nut on its spindle. (Fig. 7-1)
4. Turning the valve clockwise will result in a decrease of the oxygen level and vice versa. The oxygen level can be read on the main screen of the display.



Fig. 7-1 Purity-adjustment-valve

**ATTENTION**

The response time of the measurement is slow. Change the flow in small steps of a quarter turn per step and wait until the display reading changes.

Do not close the flow control valve fully.

Adjusting the purity must preferably be done when the system is at normal operating temperature after it has run for some time (1-2 hrs)

Adjusting the purity must be done while all sheet metal is mounted on the appliance


5. Once the desired purity has been reached, fasten the lock nut on the spindle of the purity control valve securely. Make sure you do not change the setting.

**ATTENTION**

Fastening the lock nut too tightly can have an influence on the purity of the output


## 7.4 Control of the outlet pressure

The outlet pressure of the generator can be controlled in two ways depending on whether is stored in a vessel or not.

Excess nitrogen will be vented; generator will run continuously. The -function must be off.

- Close the ball valves V2 and V3 (refer to §3.3) at the outlet while the system is running.
- Adjust the back pressure valve PCV (refer to §3.3) such that the outlet pressure on the default main screen reads 1.2 bar(g)/17.5 psig at maximum. The lower the pressure is set the better for energy consumption reasons and compressor life.
- Open the ball valves V2 and V3 at the outlet.

## 7.5 Stop generator

1. Press the ON/OFF button to switch the unit OFF (in case it is operating).
2. Switch off the power switch before you perform maintenance.
3. Make sure the system is depressurised; check the internal pressure level in the maintenance menu  (screen 3/5)
4. When you restart afterwards there is a 3 minutes delay before it starts again.


## 8 Troubleshooting

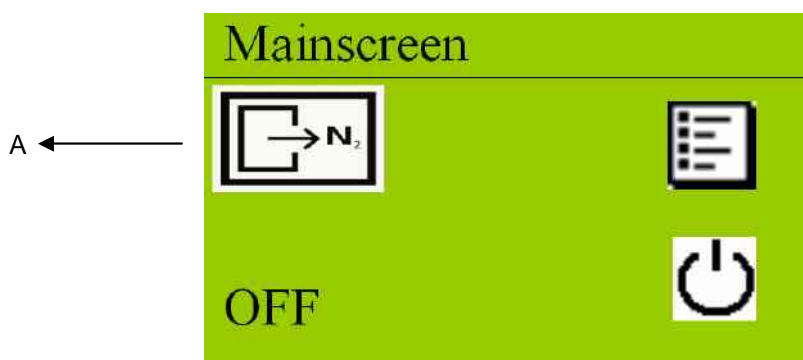
### 8.1 Error list

Error	Possible cause	Possible solution
No start and no display	Mains switch is off	Switch mains ON and push power switch ON
	No power to supply outlet	Check electrical panel circuit breaker
Delivery of nitrogen too low or absent	Ambient temperature is too high	Lower the temperature, if possible. Check whether the minimum clearance between the generator and the walls is large enough
	Inlet carbon adsorber filter is polluted	Contact Parker for service
	generator is switched off	Switch on the generator
	Leak in piping	Check for leaks in the piping
	Nitrogen outlet line is blocked	Check/open the outlet line
	Temperature is too high	Contact Parker for service
Residual oxygen content too high	Pressure in nitrogen storage vessel over 1.2 bar(g) because of erroneous setting of pressure switch	Reset pressure switch levels
	Ambient temperature lower than normal	Increase temperature or re-adjust purity (refer to §7.3)
	Purity setting has changed over time	Readjust purity (refer to §7.3)
	Leak in piping	Check for leaks in the piping.
Generator shuts down and goes to stand-by	Reached pressure limit setting, if option activated	Reset pressure switch limits or deactivate option (refer to §6.3.3)
Display message with audible alarm	Outside of preset parameter limits	Refer to § 8.2

Table 8-1: Error list

### 8.2 Alarm messages

When the Nitrogen Out symbol (A)  in the main screen is flashing, it means that an alarm is occurring. To see which alarm is occurring, touch the symbol for more information.




Default all alarms that can be set, are set to NO. This means they are not activated

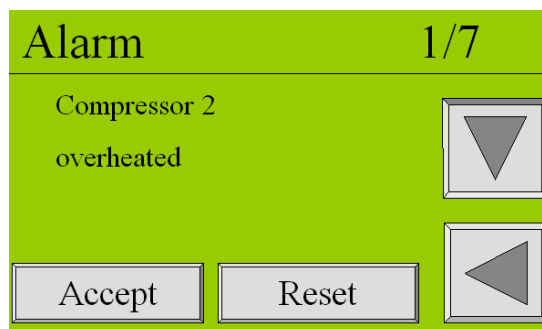
What happens	Alarm description	Default
Oxygen level too high	O2 high	Off
Oxygen level too low	O2 low	Off
Inlet pressure too high	P-inlet high	Off
Inlet pressure too low	P-inlet low	Off
Outlet pressure too high	P-outlet high	Off
Outlet pressure too low	P-outlet low	Off
Inlet temperature too high	T-inlet high	On
Inlet temperature too low	T-inlet low	On
Membrane pressure sensor fails	P-mem sensor fail	On
Outlet pressure sensor fails	P-Outlet sensor fail	On
Inlet temperature sensor fails	T-Inlet sensor fail	On
Status of temperature of compressor box 1	Temp comp1	On
Status of temperature of compressor box 2	Temp comp2	On
Oxygen sensor needs to be calibrated	Calibrate O2 cel	On

When an alarm is displayed there are two options:

1. Accept
2. Reset

When **ACCEPT** is touched, the alarm sound will disappear while the alarm level is still exceeded. If the alarm is not resolved the alarm message will appear again in 24 hours. This function gives you some time to work on the solution.

When **RESET** is touched the alarm status is cleared. However, if the alarm still exist it will appear again after the delay time that has been entered in the alarm settings menu  (refer to § 6.3.2) has passed.





## 9 Maintenance

### 9.1 Maintenance schedule

Part	Action	Frequency
Filters	Replace carbon adsorber	• 1x per year
Oxygen sensor	Replace oxygen sensor	• 1x per 3 years
Oxygen sensor	Calibrate oxygen sensor	• 1x per year

Table 9-1: Maintenance schedule

### 9.2 Calibrate oxygen sensor

1. Check the sample flow of the sensor (0.3 l/min.) coming out of the tube (F) that is connected to the sensor cap (E). The flow can be adjusted with the needle valve (FCV3).
2. Switch the unit off by touching the front **switch off** button  (refer to §6.2).
3. Let the system depressurise
4. Remove the sensor cap (E) and expose the sensor to ambient air.
5. Wait for 60 seconds.
6. Then enter again the maintenance menu , screen 3/5 wait until the oxygen level is stable.
7. Then go to screen 5/5 and touch O2 20.9% button. The system will ask for confirmation. Select YES.

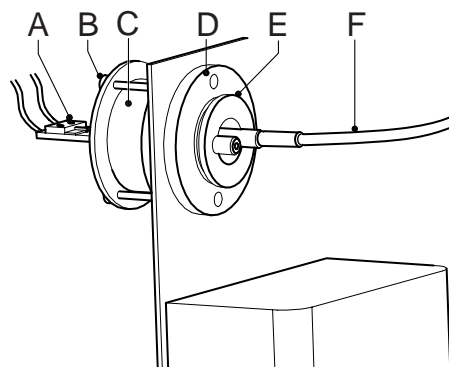
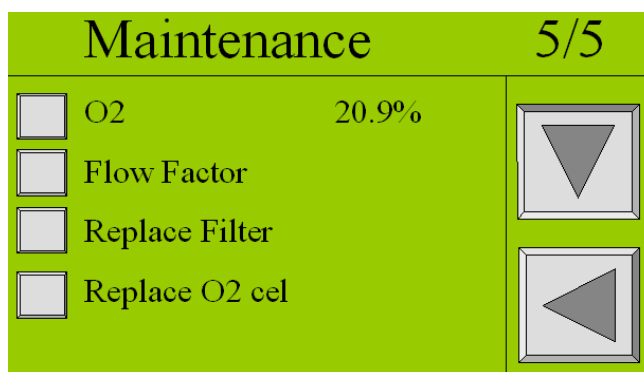
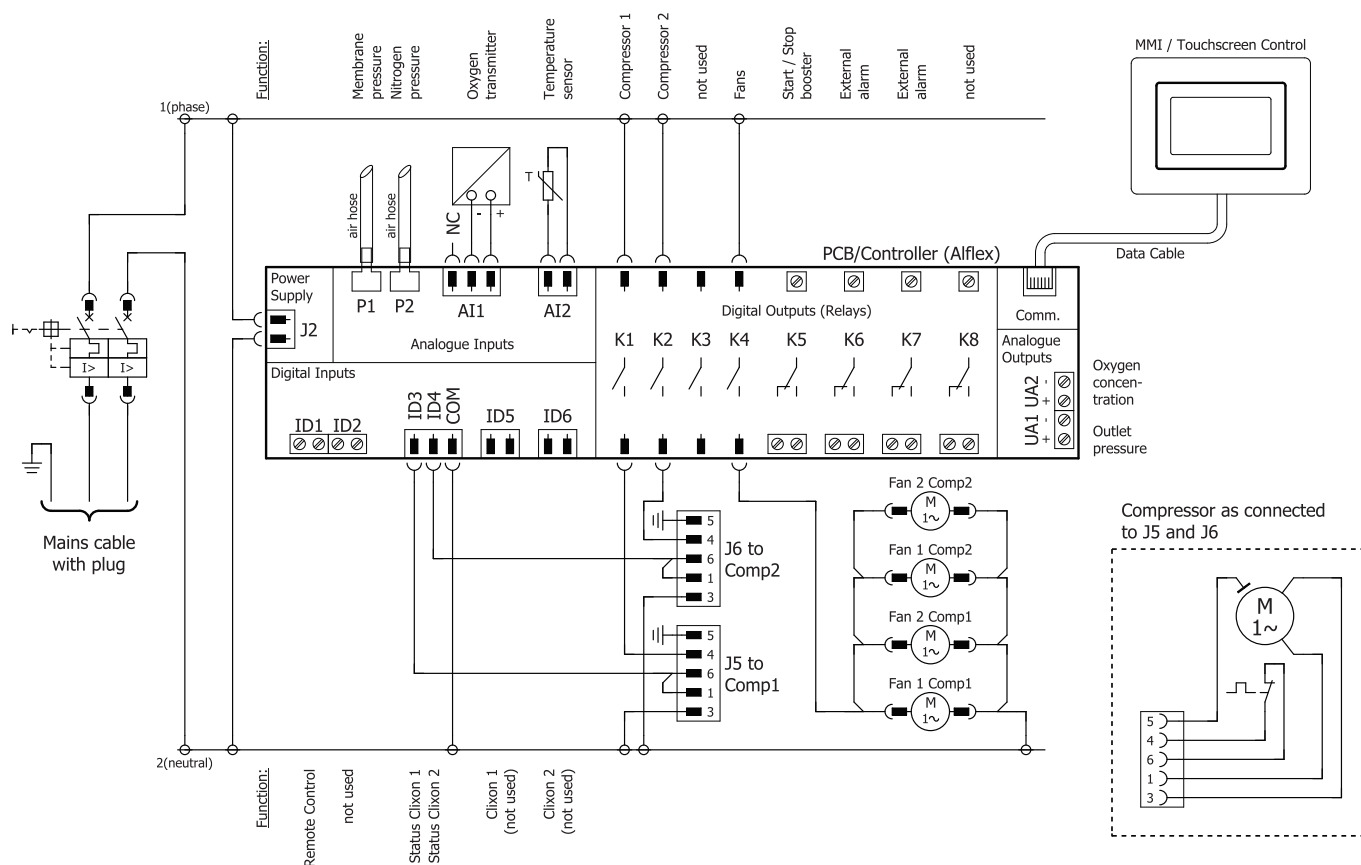


Fig. 9-8: Calibrate oxygen sensor



8. Reconnect the tube (F) and the sensor cap (E) with the sensor (C).

## 10 Electrical scheme



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